



Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 27, 2024, St. Mark's  
Diocese of Southern Virginia  
Rt. Rev. Susan B. Haynes, Bishop  
The Rev. Carleton Bakkum, Celebrant  
The Rev. Dana VanVliet-Pullin, Deacon  
Year B



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**PLEASE TURN CELL PHONE OFF OR MUTE**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B) (White)**  
**THE WORD OF GOD (please stand)**

**Holy Eucharist**

**BCP-355**

**The Gloria**

**BCP-356**

**The Collect**

**BCP-215**

**The Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**The First Lesson                      Acts 8:26-40**

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,  
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,  
so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Hear what the spirit is saying to the church*

*Thanks Be to God*

## The Psalter

## Psalm 22:24-30 BCP-610

*Deus, Deus meus*

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

*I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.*

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \*

*"May your heart live for ever!"*

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*

*and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.*

27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*

*he rules over the nations.*

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*

*all who go down to the dust fall before him.*

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*

*they shall be known as the LORD's for ever.*

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*

*the saving deeds that he has done.*



## New Testament

## 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

us. *Hear what the spirit is saying to the church* **Thanks Be to God**

## The Gospel (please stand) John 15:1-8

### *Glory to You Lord Christ*

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear

more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.”

*Praise to you Lord Christ*

**HOMILY**

**Fr. Carleton**

**THE NICENE CREED**    Please Stand

**BCP-358**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Form IV**

**BCP-388**

**NO CONFSSIONAL DURING EASTER**

**THE PEACE**

**BCP-360**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Please Stand

**PRESENTATION OF ALMS & OBLATIONS:** “Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow”

*Old 100<sup>th</sup> Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Prayer B**

**BCP-367**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**BCP-364**

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**BCP-364**

Prayer of Spiritual Communion For those on Zoom    (Please Stand)

*In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.*

**POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**

**BCP-365 or 366**

**BLESSING**

**Fr. Carleton**

(Please Wait for Procession to Exit before stirring)

**DISMISSAL**

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Prayers for those who suffer in Body, Mind, and Spirit:

*Karen (Health), Chuck (Health), Jim and Barbara (Health), Jim & Pam (health), Melvin (Friend of Kathy Q), Barry (surgery), Sheila (relative of Chuck), David (health, Brother of Kathy Q), Megan (granddaughter of Chuck & Kathy), Irene (sister of Jim), Irene K (health), Charlie (friend of Andy & Bert with cancer), Kurt (health), Juliana (health), Shawn, Danny (surgery), Tina (sister of Danny), Randy (health), Joan Webb (ankle), Joan Winters (shut in).*

For those feeling alone and/or depressed

For those traveling

For those not mentioned here that are known to you Lord

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARIES KNOWN TO THE OFFICE

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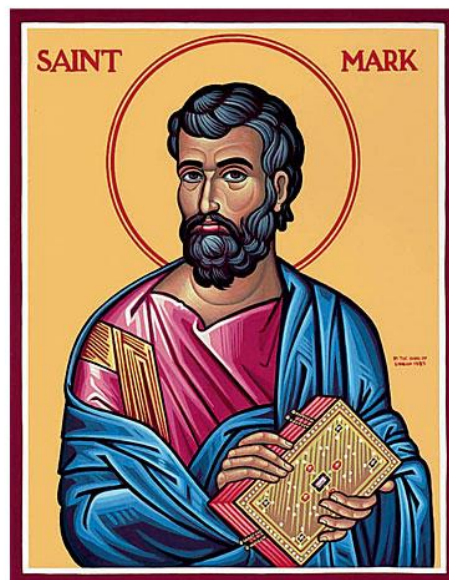
THANKSGIVINGS- For our Celebrant, The Rev. Carleton Bakkum, and our Deacon Rev. Dana VanVliet-Pullin. For answered prayers, and those answers still to come. For the promise of new ministry, and for those who are ready to get to work. For love & healing, mercy & grace, family & friendship.

- Healing Prayers and Compline on Wednesday 7pm via Zoom
- Bible Study - Thursdays 7pm via Zoom [Daniel chapter 8](#)

BLESSING BAGS are available! Please consider taking a couple for when you find someone in need – they contain toiletries, some things to eat and drink, fresh socks, and other useful items. We'd love to hear how it goes, and may God's love shine through each of us to those who could use a little hope.

**ST. MARK**

the Evangelist, whose



feast day is on 25<sup>th</sup> April